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By

John Ayres Master of ye Writing-school Near St. Pauls
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Sould by ye Author at ye hand and Pen in Pauls Church Yard

John Sturt Sculp.

To my Honoured Friend Mr
Francis Beyer Book-keeper and
Accomptant to the Hon.ble East
India Company in London

Sr

The great Experience and Ability
to judge an undertaking of this
Nature renders you the fittest perso
for a Dedication. And yor favoura-
-ble acceptance of my Endeavours in fitting
Youths for the Service of the Hon.ble East India
Company Emboldens me to present you with this
Nimble peece of Penmanship as a Sensible ack-
nowledgment of y.e Esteem & Affection of

Your obliged Frd.
& humble Servt.

John Eyres

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Such Persons
as communicate to us learning
and other noble qualifications
and endowments ought to re=
ceive from us the greatest esteeme
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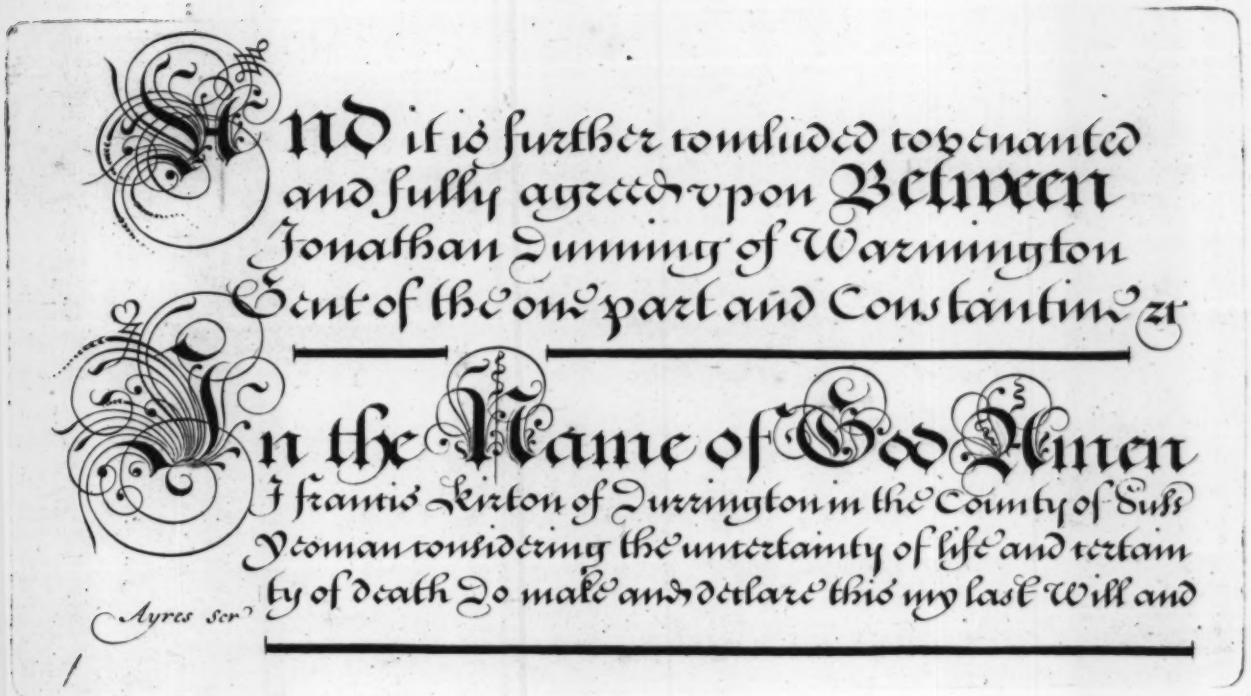
Wisdome is not contained in an observing of
others actions but a regular mannagem^t
of our own, by which meanes wee come
to understand our selves and y^e duty wee
owe our greate Creator

Ayres

M N O P Q R S T U W X Y Z Z

This Indenture
made the eight day of January Anno
Domini one thousand six hundred eighty
two Betweene Conradus Houghton
of Epping in the County of Essex and
Ayres Scr



And it is further condiided toy enanted and fully agreed vpon Between Jonathan Dumming of Warmington Gent of the one part and Constantine Ayres Scr

In the Name of God Amen

I Francis Kirton of Durrington in the County of Suss Yeoman considering the uncertainty of life and certainty of death Do make and declare this my last Will and

Sciant vniuersi per presentes me Danielem Glin
de Ingmering in Com Sussex Generosum teneri et
firmiter obligari Benjamino Hammerton de Offant
in Comitat' Pred' Armiger in Centum libris bone
et legalis monet Angl' solvend' eid Benjamin

To all Christian People

To whom this present Writing shall come to be
seen read or heard Humfrey Dunstar sendeth
Greeting Know ye that ye said Humfrey for
divers good causes and valuable considerations
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Ayres sc

Aa a bb cc dd d ee ee ff ff ff gg hh
ii kk ll mm nn oo pp qq rr ſſ ſt tt uu ww
xx yy zz &c

London 21mb 29 82

In all my endeavours on yo[r] comerns I shall offiriat[e] w[th]
such Diligence Care & Affection, as shall manifest the
performans[e] of my affire to yo[r] advantage for uniting all
my thoughts I will imploy them in yo[r] affairs with
such Industry as shall apparently demonstrat[e] yo[u] im-
ployd not a Serv[t] more mindfull of his obligations y[n] I[r]

Yo[r] devoted Serv[t]
John Ayres

Borrowed and Receiued of Mr Briant Houghton ye Summe of Sixty nine pound two shillings of Lawfull money of England which I promise to pay vpon demand witnesse my hand this eight of September Anno Dñi 1682

London September ye 29th 1682

At twenty eight dayes after Sight of this my only Bill of Exchange Pay vnto Mr Gerrard Linsworth or his order ye Summe of twenty eight pound two shillings for ye Value here Receiv'd of himselfe & place it to Acct

To Mr Anthony Paine Merch in Newcastle

as I Pd advise from

£28 02 00

Yo friend & Servt
J Ayres.

Aa a b b c d d d c e e f f f f g g h h i k k l l
A c c c e e o o o a a q q q g g g d d d d l l l l l b b h h h k k k
f f f f f f f f f l l l b i u n n m m m n r w v y y y s s s t s t x x z z z
A a a b b b c c d d d d e e e i i f f f f f f f g g g h h h h i y k k k k l
l l b a l l m n m n n n o o o p p p p p q q q r r r r r i s s s s s u
s t s t s t s t t t t t w u v v w x x x y y y z z z z z
M m n o p p q r s s s t t t u v w x y y z
Ayres fecit

A B C D E F G H I J K K L L M

THE exercise of mens parts should
be suted to the inclination of y^r^ genious
which will be a proper means to attain
Excellency in whatsoever ART they
are ingaged in

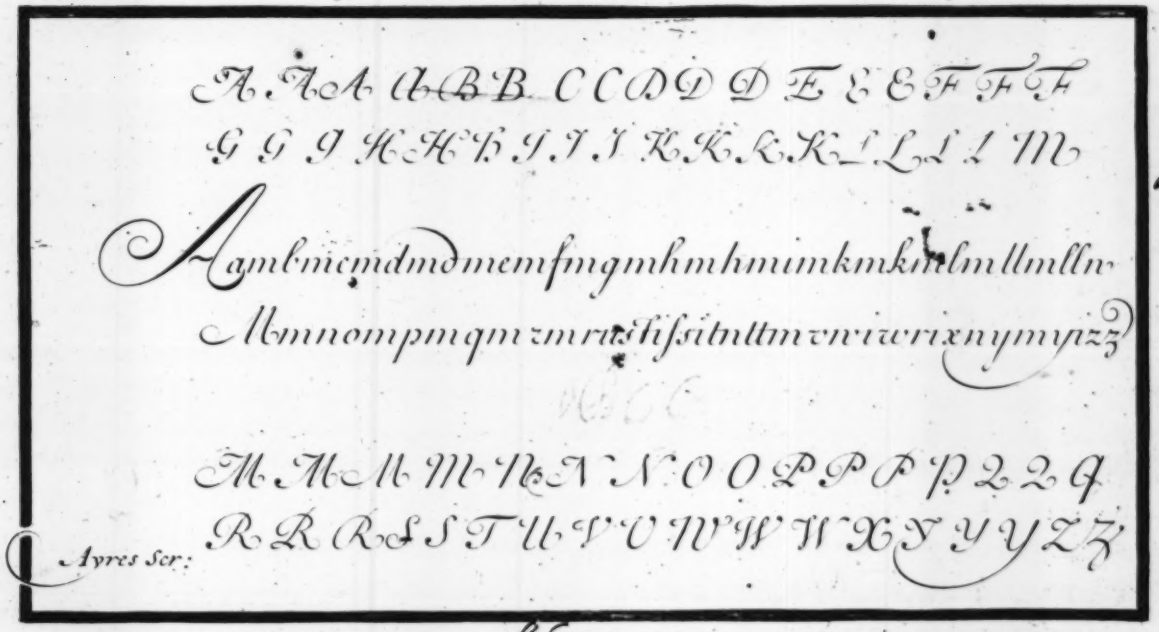
M N N O P P Q R S T V W X Y Y Z

Ayres Scr.

CHARLES the Second by the
Grace of God of England Scotland
France and Ireland King Defender
of the faith &c To all Archbishops &c
Greeting Whereas by a Certificate under

Ayres

As in Building so in Writing
we ought first to lay a firm and
lasting Foundation otherwise ye
Superstructure will never answer
our extraordinary expectation


A A A A B B B C C D D D E E E F F F F
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M m n o m p m q m r m s i f i s i t m l l m t m v i w r i x n y m y i z z
M M M M N N N O O P P P p 2 2 2 q
R R R S S T U V V W W W X X Y Y Z Z
Ayres Scr:

Plymouth February 25th 1682

Usance pay this my first bill of Exchange unto
Mr Jonathan Austin or order two hundred pound
Sterling at thirty four shillings eight pence flemish
£ pound sterling for the value received here of
David Houghton and place it to acco[t] as p[r] advice.
from

Yo[r] humble Serv[t]
J A

To Mr p[r] Mariner
Merch[t] in Antwerp

London May 5th 1682 for 300 ℔ Exch at 5s 4¾d ℔ Doll.r

Three months after date Pay this my first bill of Exchange vnto
Mr Alexander Gunning or order three hundred Doll.rs Exch'd
at fifty four pence ¾ ℔ ℔ for y.e Value of himself and place
it to account as P.r advice from Your assured friend

To Mr Edward Bemmington
Merch.t in Tiverne

Received the 29th of January 1682 of Mr Bumfrey Dunrombe
one hundred twenty nine pound four shillings eight pence
for y.e vse of my Mr Henry Gunton ℔ me Jn Tunstall

To the Right Worp.ll the Governour Deputy
and Committee of y.e Hon.ble East India Comp.a

The humble Petition of Henry Davinson
Jewell

That your Petitioner having qualified himself in Writing Arithmetick and Accounts is very desirous to serve this Hon.ble Company in the East Indies, and understanding you are sending forth to that Intent.

Humbly prays your Worshipps to be Received amongst those you shall Entertain to be Sent forth in such Capacity You shall Judge him capeable off

And he shall ever pray &c

Ayres Scrip November 6.th 82

Ayres scr.

Give not thy tongue too great a liber-
ty least it make you a prisoner
would'st thou be esteemed wise hold thy peace
Aa bb cc dd ee ff gg hh ii kk ll mn
Mm no oo pp qq rr ss tu vv wx xy yy zz

To the Kings most Excellt Matie

To the Right Hon.ble the Lord Chancellr of Engld

To the Right Hon.ble the Lds Comm.rs of his Matties

Treasury

To the Worll Company of Mercers &c

Aycas Script

Nothing gains a man more Reputation y^n an humble and serene deportment Civil language and good behaviour wilbe as letters appetually commendatory of ther virtues want somewhat to maintain y^m but this is to up w^th no other stock y^n pleasant looks good words &

Actions
go

Noble
Reputation as it is a great
Inheritance seems a very valuable and desirable thing be studious
endeavore to preserve it, for Reputation like a Glass being once
Cracke will never be otherwise y" Crazy, or y" lest ye" are like a
cancele writing of no value; at best do but survive ye" own misfortun
Ayres Scr
Yeu Credit many keepe tho quickly gone
Being got by many Actions lost by one

Madam London April ye 25th 1682

The Humour of y^e Italian hand for its neatness and Delicacy, Ornament and Beauty seems such, as if it were originaly composed & designed only for y^e Female Sex; for that it admits of almost as great a variety of Artificiall Modes & Dresses to set it off, as does y^e of y^e Attire, and where Nature is deficient to render it amiable, as in y^e face so in this there is required an equall share of paint and Spotts to make it beautifull. However Madam let me recommend y^t to yo^r imitation & this only for its Natural Genteel and pleasant without spot or paint, which as 'tis most like yourselfe Neat and Comely, so 'tis incomparably more beautifull and admirable to all, and particularly to

Yours most affec^te & humble Serv^t

From the Hand & Pen
In S^t Pauls Church Yard

John Ayres

Theodorus Christiano Gerhusio in Hyltt
Salutem dicit per Christum Jesum Dominum Nostrum.
Benevolum animum tuum, quo me sibi
tibi molendinis contribuendi tum ultro in pecunia
Ayer Schyb

John Clynes scripsit

Carolus secundus dei gracia Anglie Francie ffrancie & hibernie Rex fidei defensor &c Dilecto